



Council

Membership: All Councillors

Members are invited to a meeting of **Council** in the **Conference Room, Riverside, Lowestoft** on **Wednesday, 24 January 2018 at 6.30 pm.**

An Agenda is set out below.

Part One - Open to the Public

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interest

3. Minutes

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the last meeting held on 15 November 2017.
(Pages 1 to 19)

4. Communications

5. Announcements from the Chief Executive / Leader of the Council

6. Notices of Motion

(a) Councillor G Elliott has submitted the following Notice of Motion:

'This Council notes with shock and sadness the report that reveals the River Waveney has the highest levels of neonicotinoid pollution in the country.

The Council also notes that no Environmental Quality Standards have been set for neonicotinoid pollution and that the Environment Agency does not know what the impact of neonicotinoid pollution is on aquatic life.

This Council resolves, therefore, to write to the Secretary of State to urge that:-

1. there is regular and systematic testing of neonicotinoids in our rivers, to monitor the levels and the impact of this pollution
2. urgent measures are put in place to return our water bodies to a good condition
3. he proceed with a total ban of neonicotinoid use both outdoors and in greenhouses as soon as possible
4. that even before such a ban comes into force, better information is given to farmers and growers who are responsible for their use, about levels of these pollutants in waterways.'

(b) Councillor L Gooch has submitted the following Notice of Motion:

`In view of the scientific evidence of the growing problem of waste produced by single-use plastics, this Council calls for the introduction of a campaign by Waveney District Council to encourage local businesses to offer discounts for customers using reusable cups or containers.`

7. Questions from Members

The following questions have been submitted by Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11:

(a) Question from Councillor J Craig to the Cabinet Member for Community Health & Safety and the Cabinet Member for Planning & Coastal Management:

In the light of recent reports stating that the River Waveney has been named as the national watercourse with the highest contamination levels of neonicotinoids, can we be updated as to which authorities and organisations Waveney District Council is working with to address this critical state of affairs?

(b) Question from Councillor A Green to the Leader of the Council:

The state of the Burger King site does nothing to enhance the progress of the North Lowestoft Heritage Zone and, may I also suggest, it is detrimental to the reputation of this Council. In answer to a question at the 19 July 2017 Council meeting, Councillor Bee stated: 'We are hopeful that work will start in the near future'.

As it is now some 6 months later, can the Council be informed as to why no progress appears to have been made in obtaining an operator in what we are informed is a 'quality location'?

(c) Question from Councillor T Gandy to the Cabinet Member for Housing and the Cabinet Member for Resources:

Can the Cabinet Member update the Council on the current situation with regard to the payment of housing benefit to the residents of Women's Refuges in Waveney?

(d) Question from Councillor J Murray to the Cabinet Member for Community Health & Safety:

Will the Cabinet Member ensure that the Chair of the STP (Sustainability Transformation Partnership) is contacted to arrange a public meeting as soon as possible in Waveney; to make residents aware of what is planned for the future of the NHS across Waveney?

(e) Question from Councillor P Byatt to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Merger & Communities:

The Labour Group welcomes the news that local MPs are communicating with national banks in the hope of dissuading them from closing branches in our market towns; what is the response of Waveney District Council to these threats of further isolation for our rural residents?

(f) Question from Councillor S Barker to the Leader of the Council:

Will the Leader of Waveney District Council ensure that all WDC Councillors are made aware of the upcoming Consultation concerning the proposed Suffolk County Council Cuts to School Transport; information accessed at www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel, deadline for comments 28 February 2018?

(g) Question from Councillor Y Cherry to the Cabinet Member for Housing:

Can the Cabinet Member for Housing update the Council on changes to Waveney District Council tenants' rental payments, since the installation of meters to their homes for the payment of their Gas and Electricity use?

8. Petitions

No petitions have been received.

9. Questions from the Electorate

No questions have been submitted by the electorate as provided by Council Procedure Rule 10.

10. Presentation on the Positive Mental Health Manifesto for Lowestoft from Tod Sullivan, Mental Health Ambassador for Lowestoft, Lowestoft Rising

11. Presentation on East Coast Community Healthcare (ECCH) and the Norfolk and Waveney Sustainability Transformation Plan from Jonathan Williams, Chief Executive of ECCH, and Tony Osmani, Chairman of ECCH

12. Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel (REP1696)

Report of the Chairman of the Independent Remuneration Panel and Leader of the Council (Pages 20 to 31)

13. Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2018/19 (REP1740)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources (Pages 32 to 63)

14. Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2021/22 (REP1602)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources (Pages 64 to 77)

15. Housing Revenue Account Budget (REP1603)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources (Pages 78 to 96)

16. Political Proportionality of the Council and appointments to the Audit & Governance Committee (REP1739)

Report of the Leader of the Council (Pages 97 to End)

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